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(57) Abstract: This invention is related to a novel sample preparation, probes, couple primer sets for one step real time reverse transcriptase polymerise chain reaction (RT-PCR), methods and kits for the universal detection of alive bacteria and/or fungus-yeast in pharmaceutical, cosmetic and non clinical samples.

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Invention 1: Claim 3 completely, claims 1,2,8-10 partially

Method and kit for determining the presence of bacterial RNA in a sample, said method comprising extracting RNA, incubating the RNA with an enzyme with RT and DNA dependent -polymerase activity and with a composition for detecting bacteria comprising polynucleotide primers and probes consisting of the sequences of SEQ ID NO:1,2,11. Said method and kit where the primers and probes are natural nucleic acid or PNA. Said method for quantitative RNA analysis in comparison with quantified external standard RNA.

Invention 2: Claim 4 completely, claims 1,2,8-10 partially

As invention 1, but characterized by SEQ ID NOs: 3,4,12

Invention 3: Claim 5 completely, claims 1,2,8-10 partially

As invention 1, but characterized by SEQ ID NOs: 5,6,13-16

Invention 4: Claim 6 completely, claims 1,2,8-10 partially

As invention 1, but for detecting fungus-yeast and characterized by SEQ ID NOs: 7,8,17

Invention 5: Claim 7 completely, claims 1,2,8-10 partially

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